

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)

MUR 6025)

MARSHA BLACKBURN FOR)

CONGRESS, INC., AND TEA HOFFMAN,))

AS TREASURER)

**CASE CLOSURE UNDER THE
ENFORCEMENT PRIORITY**

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

Under the Enforcement Priority System, matters that are low-rated

are forwarded to the Commission with a recommendation for dismissal. Additionally,

recommended dismissals include complaint-generated matters that are presented to the Commission that have already been resolved through the Commission's compliance and enforcement processes. The Commission has determined that pursuing low-rated matters compared to other higher rated matters on the Enforcement docket warrants the exercise of its prosecutorial discretion to dismiss these cases.

The Office of the General Counsel scored MUR 6025 as a low-rated matter. In this case, the complainant, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, through its representative Melanie Sloan, alleges that the Marsha Blackburn for Congress committee ("Committee") violated the Federal Election Campaign Act by either failing to report, or incorrectly reporting, \$102,044 in contributions and \$286,278 in expenditures, including errors on a report

The complaint is based primarily on media reports

filed almost two months earlier

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The complaint contains no additional allegations of violations or material facts, which
were not included _____

In light of the fact that the Commission has already addressed the issues _____
_____ the Office of General Counsel
believes that it would not be a prudent use of the Commission's resources to pursue this
complaint further. Accordingly, in furtherance of the Commission's priorities and resources,
relative to other matters pending on the Enforcement docket, the Office of General Counsel
believes that the Commission should exercise its prosecutorial discretion and dismiss the
matter. *See Heckler v. Chaney*, 470 U.S. 821 (1985).

RECOMMENDATION


The Office of the General Counsel recommends that the Commission dismiss
MUR 6025 and approve the appropriate letters.

Date


11/25/08

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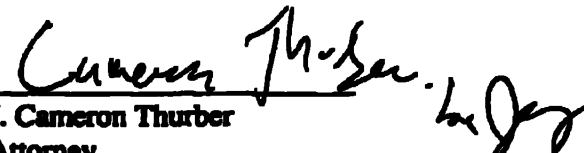
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